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TASKS AMONG A SYSTEMS AND ITS ENVIRONMENTAL DEVICES

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2002 ("Office Action"), please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification

(See Appendix A for marked-up changes)

Please replace the following paragraph, page 23, line 15 to page 24, line 14:

The formatting function provides for organizing objects by and among various types of  
objects. As an example, objects of an active environment (or cluster) are subject to formatting  
by/among object types that include: (a) a tasking object which, if selected, effects a particular  
task for a particular environmental device; (b) a macro object which, if selected, effects a  
predefined set of tasks; (c) an activation object which groups, by respective objects, one or more  
of environmental devices, presentations, or other elements subject to being activated so that, if  
the activation object is selected, the object displays, for selection, the respective objects of  
implicated devices, presentations, other activation objects or the like; (d) a common object  
which, if selected, provides a particular task (e.g., a numeric key pad) that may be associated

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